

**BASILDON LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES – 25 June 2018,  
1pm**

**Committee Room 5, County Hall.**

<b>Chairman:</b>	Councillor Richard Moore
<b>Panel Members:</b>	Cllr Jeff Henry, Cllr Allan Davies, Cllr Stephen Hillier, Cllr Kerry Smith, Cllr Malcom Buckley, Cllr Patricia Reid, Cllr Anthony Hedley.
<b>Officers:</b>	Sonia Church – Highway Liaison Manager Will Price – Highway Liaison Officer
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Emma Silvester

Item		Owner
1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions:</b>	
2.	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b>  <b>Declarations of interest:</b>  None recorded.	
3.	<b>Minutes of meeting held on 26 March 2018 to be agreed as correct record:</b>  The minutes were agreed as a correct record.	
4.	<b>Matters arising from minutes of the previous meeting:</b>  Tyler avenue Cllr Henry to submit form ahead of will leaving for Bus stop	
5.	<b>Approved Works Programme Update 2018/19:</b> WP <b>Gardners Lane North, Ramsden Crays</b> Cllr Buckley – two Parish councils cannot believe the scheme cost of £40,000, Cllr Buckley will not endorse spending that amount of money – requested officers provide other suggestions to improve the situation – WP advised after last meeting requested lesser scheme scope, however spoke with Essex Highways Policy Team who advised unable to proceed with smaller scheme while still being legally compliant	

	<p>Cllr Hillier asked to see breakdown, and would like for the rest of the panel to see the costs if the panel is to make a decision on whether the scheme is cancelled</p> <p>Cllr Hedley asked if it would be enforced if put in place. SC advised with very limited resource to enforce, signs would ultimately be a deterrent</p> <p>After discussion and going through breakdown of costs (email shown to panel on the screen) The panel agreed to cancel scheme</p> <p><b>Malyons Place</b></p> <p>Cllr Reid asked for update regarding Malyons place WP advised this has been programmed for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter – aim to complete by Christmas</p> <p><b>Near 213 Clay Hill Road, Basildon</b></p> <p>Cllr Smith cannot believe cost for design stage only for installation of bus stop at this location. Panel agreed the scheme be cancelled.</p> <p>Cllr Buckley asked if item 31 ( Coppice Lane, Wickford, One way system) and item 35 (Crossing upgrade next to Wickford C of E Infant School) can be brought forward now that Gardiners Lane North is not going ahead. WP advised these schemes are programmed for 18/19. SC asked Cllr Buckley to confirm which schemes are important to him out of the Programme. Cllr Buckley confirmed the schemes around the three schools (C of E, Beauchamps and School in Hyde Way/ North Crescent)</p> <p>Panel agreed to move forward items 41, (£4,000) Southend Rd junct with Highcliffe Rd, Wickford, installation of yellow bus markings; 42, (£4000) A130 path leading to Rushbottom Lane, Bowers Gifford, Installation of bollard to prevent ASB under A130; 43, (5,000) Mountnessing Road railway bridge, Billericay, Slow markings and carriageway edge markings on bridge; 44, (£4,500) Witmore Way, Basildon - VAS Sign, New SID sign; 45, (£6,500) Footpath from Lingcroft to Sparrows Herne, Basildon, Installation of guard rails or bollard to prevent vehicular use; and 46, (£9,000) Hornbeam Way, Noak Bridge, Conversion of VAS sign and post from solar to mains power or moving solar powered sign and post to the opposite side of the carriageway; Following cancellation of Gardiners Lane North, Weight limit (£40,000)</p> <p>Cllr Davies queried whether zebra crossing poles get upgraded automatically or does a request need to be submitted? SC confirmed this needs to be requested via the LHP process for crossing improvement.</p>	
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<p>6.</p>	<p><b>2018/19 Potential Schemes List:</b></p> <p>WP provided a breakdown of the potential schemes list.</p> <p><b><u>Traffic Management</u></b></p> <p><u>London Road, Wickford Close</u> Cllr Buckley does not feel this needs to be signalised but it does need improved lighting, spotlights or illuminated poles. SC confirmed with Cllr that it is currently a beacon without a light above it. Cllr suggested whether the pole could be upgraded. Suggested something does need to be done but not to the value of the current proposal. SC recommended doing a design this year to get some costings as it is very much site dependant and we could probably do this year.</p> <p><u>Twinstead, Wickford</u> Cllr Buckley states humps were part of the planning conditions and may not be able to remove them. Further consultation with residents is required. Can remove from this year for certain and would not justify £65k on scheme. WP confirmed further investigation will go ahead.</p> <p><u>Bessemer Close/Fauners</u> Cllr Smith wanted to confirm viability of scheme. WP confirmed scheme not viable as Bessemer Close is private and markings would be on Bessemer Close, not Fauners, work cannot be carried out. Panel agreed to remove from list.</p> <p><u>Five Bells Slip Road</u> Cllr Smith advised a resident had been advised to contact him regarding reduction of lanes. Cllr Smith has had an answer for this. Panel agreed to remove from list</p> <p><u>Dry Street</u> WP advised he had visited site with an engineer and looked at the positioning of the speed cushions and could not find alternative location to move them. Cllr Smith advised residents have formed residents association and will be inviting Cllrs to meetings. Requested to put on hold until Cllrs have been to these meetings to then revisit the matter.</p> <p>Item 4 Upgrade of uncontrolled crossing points of Westmayne, Ford access, Lower Dunton Road and Langdon Hills- WP advised cycling officer will be attending next meeting</p>	<p><b>WP</b></p>
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7.	<p><b><u>Appendices</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Rangers update</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Hillier proposed any items listed prior to 2017 should be deleted. Cllr Davies suggested these should be prioritised rather than deleted. Cllr Moore advised he will submit complaint to Cabinet regarding outstanding works. Cllr Davies requested some form of acknowledgement when requests are sent over.</p>	

	<p>SC requested permission from the chairman to publish the rangers list on the website. All Panels are being asked as there is some great work out there being done. It was suggested that this might not be a good idea considering that there are requests outstanding from 2014.</p> <p>It was discussed that the rangers service is not an equal service across the County. Some Councils have Rangers using tractor and flails, all paid for by the budget allocated to them.</p> <p>Cllr Buckley queried budget that the panel would receive should they wish to take over the rangers.</p> <p>Discussion how other councils use budget. Panel advised they will take away to discuss with Basildon – SC advised to contact ECC if this is something they wish to take over.</p> <p><u>S106</u></p> <p>Cllr Buckley raised that item 6, Lower Southend Road j/w Broadway pedestrian island is in relation to a development scheme and that we need to make sure it is in time for spending of S106 funds.</p> <p>Cllr Henry requested further info on item 3, exact location. WP advised Albert Drive was one stop has a shelter and one only has a flag- WP - Tyler Avenue being included in Section 106. Tyler Avenue does not need a scheme request to be funded. Cllr Henry to summarise locations of Albert Drive bus stops that have not shelters to ensure old ones are upgraded.</p> <p>Cllr Smith – Item 2, Cherrydown East Passenger Transport Improvements, wants to know full update on this scheme.</p>	
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>AOB-</b></p> <p>Cllr Davies - Peterborough Way speeding – residents organised together and have said they are worried about speed and volume of traffic going through the area. Swan housing are going to install speed tables in the sections they are responsible near the main roundabout. Residents concerned about section with Whitmore Way.</p> <p>– Is it possible to do a speeding/ traffic volume survey?</p> <p>Cllr Henry suggested a survey had already been carried out by Swan Housing.</p> <p>Cllr Smith suggested officers meet Cllrs on site to research possible solutions to the issue.</p> <p>Officers will research validation.</p> <p>Chair wished WP luck in future and thanked for assistance in his service</p>	
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> 24 September 2018</p>	